



Asas de Socorro

Reaching, Assisting and Transforming Lives Through Aviation and Social Development

Greetings from the Amazon once again!

We have been back for about five weeks, but have been in river villages and with mission teams for around a month so have not had much time or access to internet all this time.

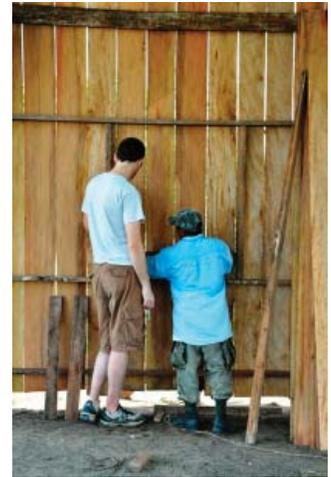
God gave us the wonderful privilege of ministering in river villages almost the entire month of March! We partnered together with three mission teams from Illinois building churches, installing water filters to provide clean drinking water, teaching dental hygiene and evangelizing all ages.



The first boat trip (six hours - seven American team members - Team Leaders: Pam and Marty O'Neill) was to the village of São Sebastião do Miriti. It was a medical/dental clinic trip coordinated by our Asas de Socorro mission staff. There were two doctors (also equipped to do pap smears and submit the tests in town and later send the results to the village), two dentists, a nurse, the clinic coordinator (all Brazilian Christian volunteer professionals)

and a dental assistant (Pam) from the American team.

We also worked on building a church that was started last year. The leader of the village stopped all work as soon as we left. He tried to do the same again this year but had no legal authority to do so. Some of the wood for the church was stolen, found and retrieved, more wood was cut (a third time), and God allowed the work to continue. The guys worked hard hauling the rest of the wood up the steep river bank! There is nothing impossible for God, and we saw His hand working in this place and believe great things will happen. During the Bible time, one nine year old girl gave her life to Christ. Please pray for Miriti, where opposition to the Gospel is very strong, that the Holy Spirit will open their hearts and give them hope!



The second trip was in partnership with NewLife Church, IL, (Team Leader: Dennis Sohn) to the village of Muira Cupuzinho on the Urubú River (twelve hours). There were eleven American team members and ten on the Brazilian staff including boat crew and cooks. We worked on church construction, delivered water filters, taught dental hygiene, did fluoride treatments and had a Bible time two mornings and one afternoon. We told the miracle of Jesus calming the storm in the form of drama with participation from the students and with the aid of visuals (an idea from a team member from last year). Just to actually "hear" the noise from the storm, "feel" the complete silence when Jesus (portrayed by CJ a team member and another time by one of the youth) commanded the winds and rain to be still and "see" the admiration of the youth especially when we asked them "Who is this Jesus that has control over even the wind and rain?!" The youth who portrayed Jesus had tears in his eyes at the wonder of it all! Our God is all-powerful and can do all things! It was awesome to share God's



Note: More pictures from all the mission teams can be seen at
<http://wilsonandlori.com/pictures2m.htm>

Word, evangelize, help dedicate the new church to the Lord even before it was completely finished and see Him at work especially among the youth and the moms! Peg, one of the moms on the team gave her testimony to the moms in that village, and the entire team had a wonderful time playing with the children.



The third mission trip was in partnership with Richwoods, Church, IL, with Pastor Tim Barnes and nine other team members including two from the missions committee. We visited two villages. The team worked one day on a church construction in the first village (a six hour boat trip) and then we travelled (three hours) to the village of Apuaú, Black River, to install more water filters and evangelize. It was tremendous to share God's Word on several occasions at the social centers and while installing filters and have the team help the



children with the fluoride treatments and participate in the Bible times. There were around 110 children and 40 adults in all who heard the message of God's love and salvation, and we praise God for that. One twelve year old boy came up to us after the Bible time in the second village and shared with us his deep desire to be a pastor. His name is Jim, and he has a fifth grade education. He is unable to continue his studies mostly because the schools in his area only go up to the fifth grade. Please pray for Jim that God will continue to help him study God's Word (he has a Bible) and that God would give him a hope and a future and open the doors for him to continue his schooling.

God is working in so many lives through your prayers, obedience and partnership in the ministries here and for this we give all the praise and honor and glory to Him!

In between the last two teams, we had our yearly mission board meeting. The mission staff of Asas de Socorro (Wings of Help) praise God that all the new changes to the by-laws of our organization and also the new leadership hierarchy and accountability was voted in unanimously after months of hard work from the board of directors (of which Wilson is a part), lawyers, consultations with Christian professionals and a few minor changes from our staff after it was presented. This was a big step in making necessary changes so we can as a mission continue to be more effective and reach out to those in need!

During this time, the other pilot and his wife were asked to take a leave of absence because of stress and fatigue. They will undergo counseling and rest. The mission will then redirect them to one specific area of ministry. Because of this, we were asked to stay in Manaus indefinitely in order to take over his responsibilities and implement a couple of new changes before we leave. Wilson will need to prepare and finish training the two new pilots from the mission and also train a pilot team from the air taxi under which we lease the services of one of our planes in Manaus. The Caravan (larger plane) will continue to serve three purposes...

- 1. It will be used for all missionary and ministry flights by our Asas de Socorro flight team in Manaus.*
- 2. It will be used to help subsidize missionary flights and mission ministries. Wilson will be responsible to form two teams of pilots so they can alternate flights.*
- 3. It will be used for the advanced training of the students in our flight school. Students will be able to train and accumulate hours during commercial flights at no cost to the mission or the student.*

We will remain in Manaus at least until we head to the USA for Joshua and Leighann's wedding (July 31st). It will take Wilson close to two months to renew his pilot's license and be instructor pilot because of new laws that just came out last month. Please pray with us for God's direction the next several months. Most of our things are already packed!

We trust you had a most blessed Easter! It is the reason why we are here...to be living testimonies of a loving God. Our God reigns! He is alive and has given us a passion and a plan to help bring salvation to the ends of the earth!!

Hugs from us, Lori and Wilson

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